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**From:** webmaster@strobel.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 15, 2004 4:10 PM  
**To:** health@strobel.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobel.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1:  
T1: Mr  
Name1: Bradley Sparling  
Degrees1: Asoc Biology  
Company1:  
Address1: 2713 15th ave  
City: carmel  
State: ca  
Zip: 93923  
Phone1: 831-624-4030  
Email1: bradstyle@hotmail.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

Do not smoke in bed.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 17, 2004 10:41 AM  
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I\_agree1: ON  
T1: Mrs.  
Name1: Dorothy D Wilson  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1: 206 George Street  
City: Beaufort  
State: NC  
Zip: 28516  
Phone1: 252-725-1958  
Email1: dcdevnew@earthlink.net  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

This law is absurd!!!! I hope this can help to Stop the madness!!!

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I\_agree1: ON

T1:

Name1: Lonnie Terry

Degrees1:

Company1: Terry Furniture

Address1: 511 N Main St

City: Anderson

State: SC

Zip: 29621

Phone1: 864-225-1466

Emaill: sales@terryfurniture.com

B2: Submit

Comments1:

As a retailer I am not only uncomfortable with health risks, but also legal liabilities.  
Please ax this debate!!!!

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**Sent:** Sunday, November 21, 2004 12:49 PM  
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I\_agree1: ON

T1:

Name1: RONALD SPRAGGINS

Degrees1: MASTERS

Company1: COMMONWEALTH

Address1: 21 VIA PIEDRAS

City: manitou springs

State: COLORADO

Zip: 80829

Phone1: 719-685-4300

Email1: spragginsccim@adelphia.net

B2: Submit

Comments1:

TYPICAL GOVERNMENT ANSWER, NEVER DO THE RESEARCH TO SEE WHAT THE NEGATIVES ARE. SOME GROUP COMPLAINS & THEY REACT. GET OUT OF OUR LIVES.

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I\_agree1: ON  
T1: Ms.  
Name1: Lauren  
Degrees1: Eaton  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Canoga Park  
State: CA  
Zip: 91303  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
  
Comments1:

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I\_agree1:

T1: Mr.  
Name1: John Robson  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Canoga Park  
State: CA  
Zip: 91303  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

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**Sent:** Friday, November 26, 2004 1:25 AM  
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I\_agree1: ON  
T1: Mr.  
Name1: Steve Hernandez  
Degrees1:  
Company1: Paramount Mattress, Inc.  
Address1:  
City: Los Angeles  
State: Ca  
Zip: 90023  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
  
Comments1:

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**Sent:** Friday, November 26, 2004 1:31 AM  
**To:** health@strobel.com  
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I\_agree1: ON  
T1: Mr.  
Name1: William D Bills (JR)  
Degrees1:  
Company1: Bills Brothers Furniture LLC.  
Address1: 303 8 Ave S.E.  
City: Cedar Rapids  
State: Iowa  
Zip: 52401  
Phone1: 319-363-5010  
Email1: info@billsbros.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

JR's Comments

As the buyer for the mattresses that we cary I feel that this issue needs more time to be studdied and cannot be presented untill we have proof of any carsoniggenits effects!! The smoke will kill you faster than the CANCER!! JR

Disclamer. Our company will not be held liable for my opinion.

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Donna Frost  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: dunkirk  
State: ny  
Zip: 4048  
Phone1: 7163661020  
Email1: elhersfurniture@yahoo.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

this is awful.

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Greta Mitchell  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: New Bern  
State: North Carolina  
Zip: 28562  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

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I\_agree1:  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Mark Williams  
Degrees1:  
Company1: Bernhardt Home Furniture  
Address1: 1672 Old Skokie Road  
City: Highland Park  
State: Illinois  
Zip: 60035  
Phone1: 847 831-4300  
Email1: [www.Bernhardthomefurniture.com](http://www.Bernhardthomefurniture.com)  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

We are opposed to this proposed legislation.

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: shirley nimmo  
Degrees1:  
Company1: southern recovery  
Address1: po box 1064  
City: sumner,  
State: ga  
Zip: 31789  
Phone1: 229-777-7840  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

sir, pleaseforward this to whom ever it may concern. the chemicals you are planning to add to a mattrew are not what a health concious society would appreciate nor tolerate now!!  
s. nommo

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Otis Sizemore  
Degrees1: MSBA  
Company1: Homes & Hideaways, Ltd  
Address1: P O Box 1137  
City: Maggie Valley  
State: NC  
Zip: 28751  
Phone1:  
Email1: OSizemore@AOL.COM  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

Absolutely insane to put toxic materials into bedding. Better to outlaw smoking in bed.

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**From:** webmaster@strobel.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 13, 2004 6:23 AM  
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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Rita Plum  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1: 110 Falling Creek Ct.  
City: Garner  
State: NC  
Zip: 27529  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
  
Comments1:

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: russell schaefer  
Degrees1: bachelor of arts with highest honors  
Company1:  
Address1: 9031 S. Karlov Ave.  
City: Chicago  
State: Illinois  
Zip: 60652  
Phone1: 773 582 5164  
Email1: twofoxriver@aol  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

I do not wish to sleep on any substance that is used to kill any form of life for fear that it will over time, KILL ME!

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: linda schaefer  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1: 8031 S. Karlov Ave.  
City: chicago  
State: illinois  
Zip: 60652  
Phone1: 773 582 5164  
Email1: twofoxriver@aol  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

let me make my own decisions relative to fire prevention in my home and on my mattress

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I agree1:

T1: Mrs  
Name1: Virginia Stout  
Degrees1: BA Education  
Company1:  
Address1: 1345 Hwy 603  
City: Napavine  
State: Washington  
Zip: 98532  
Phone1: 360 262 9562  
Email1: wvstout@msn.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

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I\_agree1: ON  
T1:  
Name1: Nancy Baird  
Degrees1:  
Company1: Interiors  
Address1: 4912 Norhill  
City: Houston  
State: TX  
Zip: 77009  
Phone1:  
Email1: interiors219@sbcglobal.net  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

As a person who has suffered with severe allergies my whole life I am viamently against adding any poisonous chemicals to our mattresses. We need to be removing these caustic elements instead of adding them.

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Beth S. Fonnesu  
Degrees1:  
Company1: Reflections Furniture  
Address1: 2220 Hwy. 70 SE #342  
City: Hickory  
State: NC  
Zip: 28602  
Phone1:  
Email1: bfonnesu@charter.net  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

Please do not share my email with any other companies. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THERE BE ANY SUBSTANCES KNOWN TO HARM ANY HUMAN BE PUT INTO A MATTRESS WHERE THE MAJORITY OF US SPEND 1/3 OF OUR ENTIRE DAY!! THIS IS LUDICROUS AND SHOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN AN OPTION. IF CALIFORNIA LAWS ARE SO STRICT THEN LET THEM DEAL WITH THE RISING INSURANCE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH LONG TERM EXPOSURE. IF MATTRESS COMPANIES FIND IT TO DIFFICULT TO SELL TWO 'DIFFERENT' TYPES OF MATTRESSES, THEN LEAVE CALIFORNIA OUT OF THEIR SELLING LOOP. LOSING CALIFORNIA SALES WILL BE MINIMAL COMPARED TO THE LAWSUITS THAT WOULD ENSUE 5 TO 10 YEARS FROM NOW!!!!!!!!!!

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I\_agree1:  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Pamela Featherstone  
Degrees1:  
Company1: Mattress Express Furniture  
Address1: 1810 N. Dixie Blve  
City: Radcliff  
State: Ky.  
Zip: 40160  
Phone1: 270-351-2777  
Email1: pamfst@juno.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

Thank you for making the industry aware of this. There are enough pollutants in our everyday lives without adding more. This is an outrage that the bedding industry would even consider doing this! Please help to keep us informed about the progress of this action. I hope and pray that this can be stopped!

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Ms.  
Name1: Rowena Finegan  
Degrees1:  
Company1: (Finn Design Ltd) Eco-terric  
Address1: 3080 Veltkamp Rd  
City: Bozeman  
State: Montana  
Zip: 59718  
Phone1: 406 388 2610  
Email1: rofin@onewest.net  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Ms.  
Name1: Amanda Keeney  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Felton  
State: DE  
Zip: 19943  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Sarah Young  
Degrees1:  
Company1: Sarah Young Designs  
Address1: 353 Jonestown Rd. Ste. 265  
City: Winston-Salem  
State: NC  
Zip: 27104  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
  
Comments1:

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Scott Dixon  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Advance  
State: NC  
Zip: 27006  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
Comments1:

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: guenter frivert  
Degrees1:  
Company1: pomp home  
Address1: 3806 main st  
City: culver city  
State: ca  
Zip: 90232  
Phone1: 310 287 9944  
Email1: pomphome@earthlink.net  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

I am very aware of this chemicals.  
I do have problems sleeping on a regular mattress because of these chemicals in them...unfortunately.  
I'm stricktly against this chemicals.  
America the land of chemicals!

sincerely

guenter frivert

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Ed Campbell  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: New Hudson  
State: MI  
Zip: 48165  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
  
Comments1:

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**From:** webmaster@strobel.com  
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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Joyce Scott  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Tampa  
State: FL  
Zip: 33625  
Phone1: 813-908-1672  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

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I\_agree1:  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Paul Engelman  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Foley  
State: AL  
Zip: 36535  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

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I\_agree1:  
Salutation1: Dr.  
Name1: J. Frederick Byer  
Degrees1: M.D.  
Company1:  
Address1: 3 Sundown Bend  
City: Johns Island  
State: SC  
Zip: 29455  
Phone1: 843-768-3054  
Email1: fbyer@bellsouth.net  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

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I\_agree1:  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Kevin Palombo  
Degrees1: MBA  
Company1: Midtown Insurance Exchange  
Address1: PO Box 78264  
City: Atlanta  
State: GA  
Zip: 30357  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
  
Comments1:

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**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2004 9:40 PM  
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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Kevin Palombo  
Degrees1: Bachelor in Science  
Company1: Triad Asset Management  
Address1: 1314 E. Las Olas Blvd, Suite 1078  
City: Fort Lauderdale  
State: FL  
Zip: 33301  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
  
Comments1:

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Al Cicotte  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1: PO Box 78264  
City: Atlanta  
State: GA  
Zip: 30357  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
Comments1:

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I\_agree1:  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Doreen Mack  
Degrees1: Associates  
Company1: Lofty Expressions  
Address1: 405 N. Pratt St.  
City: Carson City  
State: NV  
Zip: 89703  
Phone1: 775-885-2444  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

I have clients who are highly allergic to to any chemicals, as a matter of fact one of my clients was in the hospital with severe asthma because of a chemical in her chair that we had just purchased. I find this absolutely absurd! I would not want to sleep on a mattress treated in chemicals, especially Boric Acid.

Doreen Mack  
Lofty Expressions

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Ms.  
Name1: Joann Freeman  
Degrees1: Marketing  
Company1: Elegant Homes International  
Address1: 5604 Forest Drive  
City: Columbia  
State: S.C.  
Zip: 29206  
Phone1: 803-788-1981  
Email1: eleganthomesintl@yahoo.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Ms.  
Name1: edris daughtry  
Degrees1: MA  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Garysburg  
State: NC  
Zip: 27831  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

How stupid to kill us slowly. The ratio of those who die on burning mattresses to those who spend 8 hours a night for a life time with no fire is quite lopsided. Stop the laws which are really unnecessary.

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Dwain Schuh  
Degrees1:  
Company1: Oak & Pine Superstore  
Address1: 10108 IH 35  
City: Austin  
State: Texas  
Zip: 78753  
Phone1:  
Email1: dko@oakandpine.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

There is always a politician anxious to jump into our beds. The excuse this time is to save a few smokers from killing themselves while smoking in bed. Save a few while legislating poison for all. This is a stupid and potentially dangerous law that will not be good for anyone and will add an unnecessary \$100 to the cost of bedding.

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Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Dwain Schuh  
Degrees1:  
Company1: Oak & Pine Superstore  
Address1: 10108 IH 35  
City: Austin  
State: Texas  
Zip: 78753  
Phone1:  
Email1: dko@oakandpine.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

There is always a politician anxious to jump into our beds. The excuse this time is to save a few smokers from killing themselves while smoking in bed. Save a few while legislating poison for all. This is a stupid and potentially dangerous law that will not be good for anyone and will add an unnecessary \$100 to the cost of bedding.

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Virginia Foster  
Degrees1: AA  
Company1: Dindy Foster Interiors  
Address1: 1619 S. Peoria  
City: Tulsa  
State: OK  
Zip: 74120  
Phone1: 918-587-9900  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
Comments1:

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: susannah west  
Degrees1: ASID  
Company1: susannah west interiors  
Address1: 107 chancellors ridge  
City: cary  
State: nc  
Zip: 27513  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
Comments1:

## Mark Strobel

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**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2004 4:17 PM  
**To:** health@strobel.com  
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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Ms.  
Name1: Terry H. Gillespie  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1: 145 N. Church St.  
City: Spartanburg  
State: SC  
Zip: 29306  
Phone1: 864-591-2308 X 101  
Email1: terryg@mcgsc.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

What is the point of risking the many problems on the possible chance of fire? Smoke inhalation will kill before the fire.

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Sandy Harms  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Yreka  
State: CA  
Zip: 96097  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
Comments1:

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: James E. Powell  
Degrees1:  
Company1: J.Powell and Associates, Inc  
Address1: P.O. Box 1455  
City: Avon  
State: CO  
Zip: 81620  
Phone1: 970 748 0383  
Email1: j.powell135@comcast.net  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

We are already exposed to many harmful chemicals daily. Why do we have to sleep with them too.

## Mark Strobel

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I\_agree1:  
Salutation1: Ms.  
Name1: Jodi Lasseter  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Raleigh  
State: NC  
Zip: 27604  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

I am MUCH more worried about the certain danger of sleeping on, and indirectly inhaling, poisons designed to kill hardy pests than the potential threat of a fire. It is outrageous that this is being forced on the public unawares! Please do not go forward with the plan to treat all mattresses with boric acid and other such toxic chemicals.

## Mark Strobel

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Thomas Young  
Degrees1:  
Company1: Youngideas  
Address1: 1250 Norton Avenue  
City: Glendale  
State: CA  
Zip: 91202  
Phone1: 818.291.4019  
Email1: youngideas@mindspring.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

It would be hard to find another legislative issue where the right thing to do is as intellectually clear as that of reversing the new FR rules.

## Mark Strobel

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**From:** webmaster@strobel.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2004 6:26 PM  
**To:** health@strobel.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobel.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Sherrod Bryan  
Degrees1: MCS patient , interior designer  
Company1: Sherrod's Custom Interiors  
Address1: 1403 Captains Road  
City: Tarboro  
State: NC  
Zip: 27886  
Phone1: 252-823-0872  
Email1: sherrodbryan@aol.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

Having suffered from MCS for over 20 years, it is encouraging to see that people are finally beginning to see the cause and effect of adverse exposure to some of the chemicals in our everyday products. We still have a long way to go.

## Mark Strobel

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Rita  
Degrees1: RN  
Company1:  
Address1: 2760 Birdie Lane  
City: Conover  
State: NC  
Zip: 28613  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
  
Comments1:

## Mark Strobel

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**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2004 8:52 PM  
**To:** health@strobel.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobel.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Ms.  
Name1: Lynn Roberson  
Degrees1: Nurse  
Company1: n/a  
Address1: po b 714  
City: roanoke rapids  
State: nc  
Zip: 27870  
Phone1: 2524455848  
Email1: ordertherainbow  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

## Mark Strobel

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**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2004 9:23 PM  
**To:** health@strobel.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobel.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1:  
Salutation1: Dr.  
Name1: Jacqueline Byer  
Degrees1: M.D.  
Company1:  
Address1: 3 Sundown Bend  
City: Johns Island  
State: SC  
Zip: 29455  
Phone1: 843-768-3054  
Email1: fbyer@bellsouth.net  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

## Mark Strobel

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**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2004 2:59 PM  
**To:** health@strobel.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobel.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Marcia Jablonski  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1: 1413 W. Cortez  
City: Chicago  
State: IL  
Zip: 60622  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
Comments1:

## Mark Strobel

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**From:** webmaster@strobel.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2004 3:06 PM  
**To:** health@strobel.com  
**Subject:** Data posted to form 1 of <http://www.strobel.com/vote.htm>

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: David Zambelli  
Degrees1:  
Company1: Heritage House  
Address1: 408 N Main St  
City: Barnegat  
State: NJ  
Zip: 08005  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

It appears to me that someone in government has their priorities confused. We would be jeopardizing the health of most of the population to protect insurance companies from lawsuits.

## Mark Strobel

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**From:** webmaster@strobel.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2004 3:08 PM  
**To:** health@strobel.com  
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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Ryan Sayyah  
Degrees1: A.S. graphic design  
Company1:  
Address1: 1370 Williams Road  
City: New Smyrna Beach  
State: FL  
Zip: 32168  
Phone1: (386)689-1563  
Email1: RVSayyah @ Yahoo.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

## Mark Strobel

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**From:** webmaster@strobel.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2004 3:09 PM  
**To:** health@strobel.com  
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I\_agree1:  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Spencer Simcik  
Degrees1:  
Company1: Spencers Mattress  
Address1: 15460 Devonshire St.  
City: Mission HILLS  
State: CA  
Zip: 91345  
Phone1: 818 830-0881  
Email1: sLEEPMART@EARTHLINK.NET  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

I AM FIRMLY OPPOSED TO THE NEW FIREPROOFING LAWS. THIS IS AN OUTRAGE. OUR CLIENTS SHOULD HAVE THE CHOICE AND SIGN A WAIVER AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE POTENTIALLY EXPOSED TO TOXIC CHEMICALS. THIS NEW LAW MAY EXPOSE THE INDUSRY TO A LOT OF LITIGATION AND LAWSUITS. SPENCER SIMCIK

## Mark Strobel

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**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2004 3:14 PM  
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I\_agree1:  
Salutation1: Ms.  
Name1: Kristin Plum  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Cary  
State: NC  
Zip: 27511  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

Petition, I oppose any and all Flame Retardant Chemicals in Mattresses.

## Mark Strobel

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Casey Shaw  
Degrees1:  
Company1: Shaw's Furniture  
Address1:  
City: Ellensburg  
State: Wa  
Zip: 98926  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
Comments1:

## Mark Strobel

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Ted  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Raleigh  
State: NC  
Zip: 27529  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

The thought of using Boric Acid that would cause the aforementioned afflictions is insane.

## Mark Strobel

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Thomas Struchen  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Chapel Hill  
State: NC  
Zip: 27514  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

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**From:** webmaster@strobel.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2004 4:04 PM  
**To:** health@strobel.com  
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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Ms.  
Name1: Beth Marcil  
Degrees1:  
Company1: Marcil Studio  
Address1: 390 B Kulike Rd.  
City: Haiku  
State: HI  
Zip: 96708  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

It seems we're always fighting invisible toxins in our modern society. It's discouraging. I tend to be very conscientious about my diet and the types of chemicals etc I use in my household. Nonetheless, I have just been diagnosed with extremely high levels of lead and mercury, and so am particularly sensitive to the topic of toxins in our environment over which we have no control. I hope our votes in this situation will make a difference.

Sincerely,

Beth Marcil

## Mark Strobel

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mr.  
Name1: Bill Fullwood  
Degrees1:  
Company1: BBS Builders , Inc.  
Address1: 3525 Griffin Road  
City: Fort Lauderdale  
State: Fla  
Zip: 33312  
Phone1:  
Email1: bldr@prodigy.net  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

Vote No

Thanks for the heads up..Bill

## Mark Strobel

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**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2004 1:35 PM  
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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Ms.  
Name1: Tina Moore  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Louisville  
State: KY  
Zip: 40258  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

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**From:** webmaster@strobel.com  
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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Dr.  
Name1: Dennis Nowack  
Degrees1: DC  
Company1: Oregon Wellness Center  
Address1:  
City: Beaverton  
State: ORegon  
Zip: 97005  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit  
  
Comments1:

## Mark Strobel

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**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2004 1:41 PM  
**To:** health@strobel.com  
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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: joei skeffington  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: wellington  
State: fl  
Zip: 33414  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

STOP THE MADNESS!

## Mark Strobel

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**To:** health@strobel.com  
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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Kim Cregan  
Degrees1:  
Company1: Carpets by Martin  
Address1: 308 N. Main St.  
City: Shrewsbury  
State: PA  
Zip: 17361  
Phone1: 717-235-2548  
Email1: Martins@nfdc.net  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

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I\_agree1:  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Teresa Hux  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Jackson  
State: North Carolina  
Zip: 27845  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

I am opposed to this law!!!!!!!

## Mark Strobel

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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Ms.  
Name1: Jennifer Indence  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Cold Spring Harbor  
State: NY  
Zip: 11724  
Phone1:  
Email1: jenindence@hotmail.com  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

It makes me sick that this can even happen. I don't understand how this is even legal? It is no wonder why people are always sick with something.

## Mark Strobel

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**From:** webmaster@strobel.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2004 2:33 PM  
**To:** health@strobel.com  
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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Sylvana Zeenny  
Degrees1:  
Company1:  
Address1:  
City: Torrance  
State: California  
Zip: 90501  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

## Mark Strobel

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**From:** webmaster@strobel.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 08, 2004 2:51 PM  
**To:** health@strobel.com  
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I\_agree1: ON  
Salutation1: Mrs.  
Name1: Suissa  
Degrees1:  
Company1: Suissa Design  
Address1: 2699 Stirling Rd., Ste.B301  
City: Hollywood  
State: Florida  
Zip: 33312  
Phone1:  
Email1:  
B2: Submit

Comments1:

This is an incredibly irrational and dangerous concept. We must not allow this to happen.

**Stevenson, Todd A.**

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**From:** Mark Strobel [mark@strobel.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2005 10:49 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.; Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR, Chemical Risks

## Chemical Risks

So far the CPSC has identified only two systems they consider acceptable risks.

1) A Melamine-Formaldehyde system they call 'low risk.' But, this system contains a small amount of free Formaldehyde. Could this small amount harm us over time? Could more be released over time? No one knows. We can only guess.

2) Modacrylic fibers that contain Antimony Oxide spun with the fiber, usually mixed with polyester batting, which the CPSC calls 'Moderate risk' and more study is needed. The CPSC draft law cites Danish research that shows Antimony Oxide can be released with perspiration.

Then the CPSC draft law translates both the 'low risk' and 'moderate risk' system to what they call 'negligible risk.' It is not wise to put our entire population at even negligible risk to save a very few.

Other systems including Boric Acid will also be used. The CPSC says more study is needed and says Boric Acid is acutely toxic and a probable reproductive and developmental toxin. Yet, Boric Acid is already in 15% of all new mattresses sold nationwide in anticipation of the new law. It will also be widely used if the new law is passed.

It is well known that Formaldehyde, Antimony Oxide, and Boric Acid are acutely toxic to people. All absorb readily through skin and breathing contact. The only hope is that they will somehow not absorb in our bodies through sleeping in them for the next forty years or more. Most people would not want to take this risk.

Formaldehyde and Antimony Oxide also causes cancer.

Even Fiberglass is a hazard to breathe.

Much more study and professional independent 'risk assessments' are needed. Even then it is still a guess. You are putting all of our people at risk to save a very few. How do we think we are so smart that we can predict the future? We already know these chemicals can kill us.

Consider the consequences of guessing wrong. 300 million people will be exposed to save 300.

The CPSC missed citing new research by the EPA that came out after the draft law was written, and that Boric Acid also causes Neurological Damage:

EPA Boric Acid Review, June 2004, Conclusions: "have identified the developing fetus and the testes as the two most sensitive targets of boron toxicity ... high prenatal mortality, reduced fetal body weight

and malformations and variations of the eyes, central nervous system, cardiovascular system, and axial skeleton ... The testicular effects that have been reported include reduced organ weight and organ:body weight ratio, atrophy, ... reduced fertility and sterility" <http://www.epa.gov/iris/toxreviews/0410-tr.pdf>

Antimony Oxide MSDS: "Potential Health Effects: ... May cause heart to beat irregularly or stop. ... Chronic Exposure: Prolonged or repeated exposure may damage the liver and the heart muscle. Prolonged skin contact may cause irritation, dermatitis, itching, and pimple eruptions. There is an association between antimony trioxide production and an increased incidence of lung cancer." <http://www.jtbaker.com/msds/englishhtml/a7236.htm>

FORMALDEHYDE MSDS: "POISON! DANGER! SUSPECT CANCER HAZARD. MAY CAUSE CANCER. Risk of cancer depends on level and duration of exposure. VAPOR HARMFUL. HARMFUL IF INHALED OR ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN. CAUSES IRRITATION TO SKIN, EYES AND RESPIRATORY TRACT. STRONG SENSITIZER. MAY BE FATAL OR CAUSE BLINDNESS IF SWALLOWED. CANNOT BE MADE NONPOISONOUS." <http://www.jtbaker.com/msds/englishhtml/F5522.htm>

Please read the health effects section of the CPSC draft law:

"Antimony is regarded as a possible inhalation carcinogen. ... There is limited data to suggest that antimony may be released from a polymer matrix. ... The results of the limited testing suggest that antimony may be released in measurable quantities from a polymer matrix. ... the amount of antimony found in a barrier is expected to be higher than in the polyester fabrics ... The amount of antimony migrating from treated barriers is expected to be higher as well." [Antimony Oxide is not chemically bound and could enter our bodies and harm us.] From page 166, <http://www.cpsc.gov/library/foia/foia05/brief/mattressespt3.pdf>

"Dermal administration in rabbits caused systemic toxicity and even death (Fleming, 1938; Myers et al., 1978). Death was observed in rabbits after a single dermal application of 6.7g/kg in corn oil. ... Fleming et al. (1938) reported systemic toxicity and death after 5-8 days of daily application of dermal applications of an unspecified dose in a paste of artificial acidic or alkaline sweat." (Page 138)[Danish Environmental Protection Agency testing revealed Antimony was released from Modacrylic fibers with sweat. (page 163)] "One human occupational study reported reproductive effects. Menstrual cycle disturbances, early interruption of pregnancy, and increased incidence of spontaneous late abortions ... (Belyaeva, 1967) page 140.

**Stevenson, Todd A.**

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**From:** Mark Strobel [mark@strobel.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2005 10:49 PM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.; Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** Potential Spam: Mattress NPR, CPSC duped by innerspring mattress industry, Revised

CPSC duped by innerspring mattress industry, Revised

ISPA (Innerspring Mattress Manufacturers Association) went to the CPSC and asked for this law. This should tell you something. It is really a battle between innerspring mattresses invented in 1871, and newer foam mattresses that have recently grown to over 20% of the market. It is relatively simple for innerspring mattress manufacturers who use quilted tickings to comply with the law. They simply replace standard polyester batting quilted under the ticking with polyester batting mixed with Modacrylic (with Antimony Oxide) fibers. It is more costly for companies like Tempur-Pedic who use thin unquilted tickings to maximize the comfort of the bed. They must now add a barrier at a larger additional cost that may also take away from the comfort of the beds.

We can only speculate ISPA's real reasons for wanting this law, but it seems clear the law will increase their revenue on the same number of unit sales, put specialty beds at a disadvantage compared to steel springs, and protect their turf from imports and smaller competition with high testing and compliance costs.

Look at Tempur-Pedic with recent sales of over 600 million, and now projecting over 800 million for next year. Plus look at all the Tempur knock-offs.

Sealy is about 1.2 billion, Simmons about 800 million, Serta about 700 million, and Spring Air about 450 million in sales. It is no longer the four big 'S' brands. Now a 'T' brand is reaching a number two or three spot in market share.

Leggett & Platt, a multi billion-dollar company also benefits from this law. They supply 93% of all the innerspring units used by all the mattress brands. They want to keep people sleeping on steel springs, which are relatively easier to fire proof than alternative sleep systems. Plus they will sell more metal wire foundations and put smaller suppliers of built-up wood foundations out of business, including Amish suppliers.

Interestingly, Leggett & Platt, Sealy, and Serta all recently withdrew their membership from ISPA. It appears there is some dissention within ISPA over this law as smaller manufacturers are realizing it could hurt their business, could harm public health, and create legal liabilities from people harmed by the chemicals required in mattresses under the new law.

Plus, big chemical companies including DuPont, Owens Corning, GE, and barrier suppliers are licking their lips in anticipation of new revenues under the new law. They also try to tell you their systems are safe. In fact, there are huge risks that need to be considered.

The CPSC is being duped by the interests of big business pushing for this law for their own benefit. This is about money, not saving lives.

~~Stevenson, Todd A.~~

*Mattress*

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**From:** dmtce@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 2:34 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** Mattress NPR

It is my understanding that the US Consumer Products Safety Commission is considering passage of a law that would require all mattresses resist ignition from open flames. Mattresses are already required to be flame retardant and we keep learning about the dangers associated with this practice. Boric Acid (yes, the Roach Killer), Formaldehyde, Melamine, Antimony Trioxide, Vinylidene Chloride, Zinc Borate, and Decabromodiphenyl Oxide (Brominated flame retardant now being found in women's breast milk) are the main chemicals being used to flameproof mattresses. Many of these chemicals cause cancer. Some are known to be a reproductive and developmental toxin: high prenatal mortality, birth defects, reduced fertility, sterility. Liver, kidney, brain, and heart muscle damage are only some effects. Aside from inhalation absorption, some of these chemicals can kill from skin contact alone. The expected benefit of saving the roughly 300 lives of people who die each year while smoking in bed is not worth the cost - I urge you to vote against this horrible legislation.

Thank you -

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Stevenson, Todd A.

*Mattress*

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**From:** kt@ktruse.com  
**Sent:** Friday, February 25, 2005 2:32 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** No to poisonous flameproof mattresses

Dear Consumer Products Safety Commission,

I am very concerned about the current chemical treatment of mattresses. In some cases there are almost 2 pounds of poisonous chemicals in the surface of a queen mattress - this does not make for a restful night's sleep. Some of these chemicals are responsible for causing high pregnancy mortality, birth defects, heart and liver damage, etc.

I do not understand why the CPSC is trying to rush through a law to flameproof all mattresses, even though its own Health Sciences Division has brought forth concerns regarding this law. And certainly the fact that many mattresses are already on the market in anticipation of this law and more importantly without any content labelling is very worrying. Why try to save a life while at the same time damaging it and perhaps shortening it in the end?

I am buying an untreated organic cotton mattress for my baby's crib. It is difficult enough to find such mattress, even though this law is not enacted. Consumers should have the right to make this decision themselves.

I urged the Commission to allow for consumers to educate themselves on this issue and make their own choices regarding the mattresses upon which they sleep.

Sincerely,  
Kristin Truse

2/25/2005

Mattress

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Stevenson, Todd A.

From: Zachary [aquus@cox.net]  
 Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2005 5:42 PM  
 To: Stevenson, Todd A.  
 Subject: Mattress and Bedclothes NPR

RE: Concern about California Bureau of Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation (Cal BHFTI) **New Open Flame Standards for Mattresses** (undergoing rulemaking nationally in the US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)) and future standards for **Bedclothes**

Current Status: Based on my limited assessment and discussion with senior staff at BHFTI, the primary means used today are various Kevlar and polyaramid fiber barriers that have been sewn into the back of a mattresses ticking rather than chemical use. However, no one, especially consumers, will know how compliance was achieved. In other words, no information is made available to consumers (or retailers or some makers! I know because I've asked) about whether or not chemicals were added to mattresses. (The California regulation TB 603 now affects everyone in the US because the relatively few mattress material suppliers are making all ticking and assembled mattresses the same to assure California-only compliance.) While the BHFTI believes that both the flame retardant chemical and fiber barrier industries will work hard with mattress manufacturers and suppliers to prevent human toxicity issues from arising because of possible lawsuits, I am not so sanguine. Look what we know today (ie. Widely used fire retardants called Polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) which are found now in waterways and breast milk) that we did not know in 2001. This regulation- now effectively national- impacts crib mattresses, futons, and sleeper sofas too. Is an Open Flame standard really needed relatively to the materials cost and health problems that may occur?

Since this Open Flame protection goal is seriously being considered for bed clothes- everyone's pillows, comforters, and mattress toppers- my concern is even greater. Having a FR chemical-free passive barrier system for these items seems like it would be awkward, costly and difficult to make so FR chemicals are very likely to be used.

I do **NOT** support the US CPSC proposed regulation for essentially adopting California's TB603 for mattresses or for bedclothes (nor do I support BHFTI's efforts to regulate bedclothes). Further:

#1 There is no requirement for manufacturers to list any chemicals used in a treated mattress on a label. Nor is there apparent discussion of having a requirement to state how a mattress was made to meet any new proposed standard i.e. passive (eg. fire barrier) or active (e.g. chemical application) fire protection system. California's TB 603 requires labeling but there is **NO INFORMATION** as to **HOW** compliance was achieved for the consumer to read. It is already **VERY** difficult for consumers to assess the actual bedding materials in a mattress, much less get a straight answer about whether or how the bedding was treated to achieve flame retardancy.

No one can sell packaged food in our nation without strict consumer information on the contents on each label. The same should absolutely be required. We may not be eating mattresses but we all spend 1/3 of our lives laying on them and it is high time for labeling in the industry to become more consumer oriented- especially since California has actually put these proposed flammability standards into regulation!

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#2 There is no apparent guidelines from CPSC or California's BHFTI for mattress manufacturers or suppliers to consider toxicity and exposure pathways when selecting active flame retardant chemicals. Also, many common flame retardant chemicals are on California's Proposition 65 list. Finally, there is no requirement for test results to be maintained.

#3 If the current smoldering mattress standard becomes truly redundant with any passage of the open flame standard, then manufacturers should not have to continue to add chemicals to meet both standards.

Please do not allow these regulations to go into effect unless and until further consumer-oriented regulations are adopted and enforced.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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**From:** Lorena Wolfman [lorenajazmin@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 01, 2005 4:00 PM

**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.

**Subject:** Potential Spam: Mattress NPR

Hello,

I am writing to urge that sanity prevail. No more chemicals should be added to bedding. It is not acceptable to poison people and the environment in order to avoid a few fires. Real alternative must be found. Boric acid should not be used, nor should the PCDEs. The proposed law must be stopped in its tracks before it does untold harm!!!!

Thank you,

Lauren Wolfman

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**From:** Valerie Szudy [valerieszudy@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 01, 2005 3:37 PM  
**To:** Stevenson, Todd A.  
**Subject:** FR chemicals

I am writing to voice my concerns over the proposed FR chemicals standards. How is it safe for all of us to spend 1/3 or more of our lives on these known toxic chemicals. If nothing else, I feel that this should not be passed without research into the safety of the proposed amounts.

Thank you,  
Valerie Szudy

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